

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 4, 2019

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Mountain Lakes Summer Intern

OF POSITIONS: 2

LOCATION(S): Billings- Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

WORK START/END DATES: Approx. July 8, 2019 – August 15, 2019

HOURS/WEEK: 40 hours per week, 240 hours total internship

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: July 2019 upon hire

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC): \$11.00 per hour for 6 weeks, or a combination of wages and credit

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Fisheries fieldworker in the Absaroka-Beartooth (A-B) Wilderness. Typical work week will be 4 days of backpacking into the A-B Wilderness to sample fisheries. Personnel will utilize gill nets and angling equipment to collect fish weights, lengths and aging structures. Will necropsy fish and assess gut contents, assess potential spawning habitat and provide information regarding access and camping. Interns may also assist with other regional fisheries projects.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS): Must be currently enrolled in a Montana college or university, preferably around the Billings area. Minimum GPA of 3.00 is required in a major such as Biology, Fish and Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Science/Studies. MUST BE ABLE TO HIKE AN AVERAGE OF 9 MILES PER DAY WITH A 60+ POUND BACKPACK. Knowledge of camping and backpacking would be a plus, as would the ability to read and interpret topographical maps.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

1. Recent academic transcript

2. Cover letter that includes why you would like this position, how it relates to your goals and backcountry experience with the number of days spent and location of backpacking trips in the past 2 years
3. Brief resume with at least 2 references

Please send to contact person listed above via email or postal service by application deadline.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

The rewards are great for the student who is capable of successfully filling this position, but the job is physically challenging. This is an excellent summer opportunity for those desiring college credits as an internship, individual problems project or independent study.